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Dear Harold:
I am just now listening to the primary results of "Fat Tuesday" on WGN radio from Chicago, hosted by a former teacher of mine at the Un. of Chicago, Milt Rosenberg.
In response to Whitewash IV I have but a single point to suggest to you. In my view, Oswald himself had to be the ultimate source of the distressing information that he had been an F.B.I. informant! The Warren Commission was not concerned that Oswald was an agent of the U.S.A., but that he had been turned by the KGB in the U.S.S.R. This certainly relates to the Nosenko affair later on in a rather interesting way.
And I am looking forward to any book that you are working on about it.
Going back to the work that has been done on the New Orleans side of the plot to kill J.F.K., it seems that their chief desire was to implicate the U.S. government that they so much detested. They went about in public and they proclaimed their intentions! They were fascinated about getting even with all of those who had put an end to their gun-running activity. Other C.I.A. cut-outs were involved in the attempt to assassinate Castro. Etc. Besides hating Kennedy, etc., they hated "government" itself. Castro, J.F.K., are or were the very embodiment of government(s). Ultimately, it would suit their purpose to implicate the C.I.A., F.B.I., etc. Being only cut-outs their feelings for official government people is not so surprising, is it? (I merely throw this out to you so that you may consider the possibility that these men who were planning this assassination did not officially work for the U.S. government. Indeed, I do not know if Clay Shaw "Bertrand" actually contacted people in the C.I.A., in order to sound them out about the official response to the actual assassination of J.F.K.?)
I hope that the prospect of getting more evidence out of the C.I.A. has heightened your activity?

I do not hesitate to say to you that Post Mortem is one of the best books about the assassination--you, or anyone else has written! I should point out that the blood stained shirt of the deceased President is not surprising to me. He fell to the left and so blood flowed down the shirt on that side of it.

Certainly, you have adequately shown in Post Mortem that the wound to J.F.K.'s throat is most likely one of entrance, rather than one of exit! It may be important to try to find out how the damage to the right side of the brain is oriented with respect to the supposed exit (or entry) of the bullet. If the brain matter fans out away from the front side of the head that is more consistent with entry, since this missile fragmented upon contact with the skull and spread out! By stark contrast, if the same material fans out away from the back side of the head that is more consistent with entry, ... (On p. 471 of the 1980 edition of Best Evidence by D. S. Lifton there is the famous Ida Dox drawing of the exposed brain of the President. It would be interesting indeed to see what the damage to his brain looked like before the autopsy began!) The brain itself is very important evidence. I hope that these thoughts may be useful to you.

Sincerely,
Paul K. Mackal

did not respond